(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the action taken by Government against the guilty employees?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) A case under Sections 376-D/34 IPC has been registered against two employees of AIIMS by the Defence Colony Police Station. Both the employees, namely Shri Jaipal Singh, Dark Room Assistant Gr. II and Shri Patric, Medical Record Assistant Gr. II allegedly involved in the case have been placed under suspension on 10-06-2003.

Professional blood donors

2756. SHRI MOTILAL VORA : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that professional blood donors are donating blood in various hospitals in Delhi by posing themselves as relatives of the patients;

(b) if so, to what extent it is correct; and

(c) whether Government propose any concrete steps to check this and if so, by when?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) Professional blood donation has been banned with effect from 1-1-1998. All the blood banks have been instructed by the Drugs Control authority to be extremely vigilant while screening blood donors to ensure that no professional donor is able to donate blood as a replacement/relative donor. Under the amended Drugs and Cosmetics Rules, it is clearly provided that while screening blood donors, it is to be ensured by the blood bank that the arms and forearms of the blood donors shall be free from skin punctures or scar indicative of professional blood donors. The donor questionnaire also helps in screening out potential professional blood donors. Thus a professional donor can be identified at the stage of screening before blood donation by the attending medical officer/staff of the blood bank.

Poor management of Lady Harding Medical College

2757. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of the sorry state of affairs at the Lady Harding Medical College;

(b) whether dogs roam freely in hospital's wards and bite not only patients but also the doctors on duty;

(c) if so, the steps being taken to stop the dog menace;

(d) whether it is a fact that many TB cases have been reported among the doctors and staff of the hospital; and

(e) if so, the remedial measures being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRIMATI SUSHMA SWARAJ) : (a) to (c) According to the information received, some dogs have been noticed in the corridors of Smt. S.K. Hospital but there is no report of dog bite. The NDMC dog squads are called to take away the dogs and get them sterilized and vaccinated. Besides, the Chowkidars/Security Guards of different wards/OPDs have been instructed to drive away the dogs and not to let dogs enter the wards, corridors etc.

(d) and (e) As per information received, no TB cases have been reported among doctors and staff of the hospital. However, five PG students and one Resident Doctor had suffered from tuberculosis during last three years. The doctors have been advised to take personal protection measures like use of mask during examination of patients especially those suffering from cough or symptoms of TB.

Delay in treatment at AIIMS

2758. SHRI NANA DESHMUKH : Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) whether a patient has to wait for two years to get treatment at the AIIMS hospital,

(b) whether a proposal for grant of referral status and creation of a Renal Science Centre at the AIIMS hospital has been pending for long with Government;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(d) the remedial steps being taken to minimize the woes of the patients?